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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EINV, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE

REFS: (A) PANAMA 4363 (B) USUN 1394

1. AT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MTG IN PANAMA AT THE EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS FOR THE CANAL TREATY, VENEZUELA JOINED WITH THE U.S., COSTA RICA, COLUMBIA AND JAMAICA IN ENDORSING THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE UNDERWAY IN THE UNITED NATIONS ECOSOC. (REFTEL A).

2. THE VENEZUELANS ARE KEY ACTORS IN G-77 AND SUPPORT FROM THEM WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THE WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NEW YORK JUNE 26-30. THE U.S. OBJECTIVE IS TO PERSUADE THE FULL ECOSOC

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WHEN IT MEETS IN JULY TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN 1978 OR 1979 TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT. TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE NEED AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FROM G-77 AND OECD COUNTRIES IN THE WORKING GROUP AND AT ECOSOC.

3. TO DATE, THE VENEZUELANS HAVE NOT PLAYED AN

ACTIVE PART IN THE WORKING GROUP. IN VIEW OF THE NEW EXPRESSION OF HIGH LEVEL VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN THE ISSUE, WE REQUEST EMBASSY TO EXPLORE WITH APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO GAIN GREATER PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT FROM VENEZUELA IN THE U.N. EFFORT. THE VENEZUELANS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKING GROUP THROUGH DELEGATES FROM THEIR U.N. MISSION WHO, ALTHOUGH ATTENDING CONSISTENTLY, HAVE TAKEN NO POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD SEEK VENEZUELA'S SUPPORT IN NEXT WEEK'S WORKING GROUP FOR A WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION TO ECOSOC THAT THE SUBJECT IS READY FOR A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, SUPPORT IN ECOSOC IN ITS JULY SESSION TO CONVENE A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE LATER IN 1978 OR IN 1979. VANCE

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